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BRIL LOND AMMA ADDI BERN MADE ANEA ALGI BOWN PARI  
 NUNI BACH KHAR LIEB COPE SAGO BETH LEOP NERI PROB NEND  
 DAMA RABA MORI HAGU VIEH BANI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDO  
 TUNIS CYRU TEHE CHER OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY ONVA BOME FRAN

PERAND

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(NOFORN IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LISBON.)

1. TURKEY: THE TWO-YEAR-OLD POLITICAL CRISIS CONTINUES. SINCE THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) ADMITTED LAST WEEK THAT IT COULD NOT FORM A GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER INONU HAS ACCEPTED A MANDATE TO DO SO. INONU IS STILL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING TOGETHER A NEW COALITION. HOWEVER, HIS CHANCES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED BY THE JP'S OPEN FAILURE. THE POLITICIANS FEEL THAT THE MILITARY MAY INTERVENE IF THE CRISIS IS PROLONGED MUCH FURTHER, AND THE SCARCITY OF OTHER CANDIDATES. (CONF)

2. AFGHANISTAN: //CONSERVATIVE FORMER PRIME MINISTER PRINCE DAUD SEEMS TO BE REASSERTING HIS INFLUENCE. A POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DAUD AND KING ZAHIR SHAH MAY BE DEVELOPING OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR A MORE LIBERAL CONSTITUTION. SHOULD THE KING YIELD TO DAUD'S PRESSURES AND GIVE HIM AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN REVISING THE NEW

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DRAFT CONSTITUTION, DEPOSITION OF PRIME MINISTER VIBUP AND OTHER  
REPORTS-MINDED, TWO-SIDED CONSTITUTION WOULD PROBABLY BECOME  
UNTERABLE.//

3. SAUDI ARABIA: THE LONG-SUSPENDING DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD  
AND CROWN PRINCE FAYDAL MAY BE REACHING A CLIMAX. ROYAL GUARD ELEMENTS  
ON 16 DECEMBER WERE BROUGHTING DOWN SAUD'S SORGE IN RIYADH AND THERE  
WAS EVIDENCE THAT AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY WAS  
IN PROGRESS AT THE PALACE OF THE CROWN PRINCE. MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS  
OF THE ROYAL FAMILY ARE BELIEVED LOYAL TO FAYDAL; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT  
CLEAR HOW THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE SAUDI ARMY WOULD REACT IN THE  
EVENT OF AN OPEN SAUDI-FAYDAL SPLIT. (CONF)

END OF MESSAGE

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